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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S CHURCHILL CENTENARY SPEECH

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1. FCO INFORMS US THAT REPORT FROM BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CHURCHILL CENTENARY SPEECH DOES NOT REPEAT NOT SUPPORT CONTENTION OF "FINANCIAL TIMES" THAT SECRETARY USED OCCASION TO URGE UK TO STAY IN EC (REFTEL). FCO HAS PASSED US EXCERPTS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH. THE WORDING OF THE KEY PASSAGES WAS:

"HE (CHURCHILL) WHO HAD FOUGHT GERMANY IN
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EUROPE IN TWO WARS, WAS THE FIRST LEADING

STATESMAN TO CALL FOR A UNITED EUROPE."

AND LATER -

"AND IT IS A MEASURE OF OUR CONTEMPORARY TRAVAIL THAT THE AGENDA WHICH WAS SKETCHED BY SIR WINSTON IN 1945, 1946 AND 1947 IS STILL UNFULFILLED. THE PROBLEM OF PEACE HAS STILL ELUDED US. INDEED, ITS DEFINITION IS STILL DISPUTED. THE UNITY OF EUROPE HAS NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY HAS REMAINED ELUSIVE. AND THE MEASURE OF OUR SUCCESS STILL REMAINS THE FULFILLMENT OF SIR WINSTON'S WISHES. BUT IF WE SHOULD SUCCEED, A GENERATION TOO LATE, TO ACHIEVE HIS INSPIRATION HE WOULD BE WITH US STILL, BECAUSE WE WOULD STILL NEED AND REMEMBER HIS STYLE OF LEADERSHIP."

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT PAUL LEWIS, AUTHOR OF "FINANCIAL TIMES" ARTICLE IN QUESTION, SUBSEQUENTLY ADMITTED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICER THAT HE HAD READ TOO MUCH INTO SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

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